(c) Stay at Coonoor for a period of 2 months.

(d) T. A. to be governed by the C. S. R., but mileage allowed at the rate of 12 annas a mile, but only at the rate of 6 annas a mile when travelling in State cars or boats.

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Diwan's visits to Bombay.

81. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the objects of the two recent visits of the Diwan to Bombay?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—To attend the Conference convened by the Indian States' Ministers and the Chamber of Princes to consider questions relating to the States' entry into the Federation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to also give us a little more information about the nature of work?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The discussions were absolutely confidential.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi.)*—I want only the nature of the work that has been attended to there.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*—The proceedings were not open to the public.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram.)*—Is it the view of the Government that in matters of this kind this House has no business to know the proceedings taking place?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—No such statement was made by me.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—I drew that inference.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—That inference was neither legitimate nor intended by me.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—May I bring to the notice of the Government that in connection with the Harbour question some times a statement was given in this House by the ex-Diwan. After the conferences he used to give us information as to what took place. I only want to say that if and when they consider that they can do it without infringing public policy, we may be given the gist of the proceedings.

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not think that Government need a reminder on a point like this. Very full statements have been made by the present Diwan regarding the settlement of the Harbour question. When the time is ripe to make some statement regarding the question of Federation a statement will be made provided it can be made without prejudice to the progress of further negotiations and without detriment to the public interests.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Has the Government come to a decision as to the question of joining the Federation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—It has not.

Nettoor Thodu—silting of.

82. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) are the Government aware of the silting of the Nettoor Thodu;

(b) for how long has this been going on;

(c) does not this thodu provide cheap short cut water communications to Trippunittura and eastern villages; is not its proper preservation necessary for the commercial advancement of these places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) and (b) It was noticed in last Edavam that there was a certain amount of silting in the thodu rendering it difficult for heavily laden valloms to navigate.

(c) Yes.

License fees—Motor Boats—collection of.

83. Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any instalment system in the levy of the license fees of the motor boats licensed in the State is practised;

(b) if the answer to sub division (a) of the question is in the affirmative, how many instalments are allowed;

(c) if the answer to sub-division (a) of the question is in the negative, will the Government consider the necessity of

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